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OF THE

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FOR

LUNATIC POOR,

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APPOINTED BY

THE LORD LIEUTENANT IN COUNCIL.

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BELFAST DISTRICT ASYLUM,

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1842.

ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR.

THE aggregate number of patients admitted during the year amounted to one hundred and fifteen (the same as last year), viz., fifty-six males and fifty-nine females,—thirty-four being "urgent" cases: three less than in 1841,—of whom were—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, recovered, ...	15	16	31
Do., relieved, and on trial, ...	2	3	5
Died, ...	3	4	7
Still under treatment, ...	36	36	72
	56	59	115

Included in the above are six cases of relapse, viz., 3 males and 3 females, being two more than last year.

The ages of the above were as follow:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
From 10 to 20 years, ...	4	8	12
Do. 20 to 30 do., ...	17	24	41
Do. 30 to 40 do., ...	17	14	31
Do. 40 to 50 do., ...	12	9	21
Do. 50 to 60 do., ...	4	2	6
Do. 60 to 70 do., ...	2	2	4
	56	59	115

OLD CASES.

Of the old cases, amounting to 245, and under treatment throughout the year, were—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, recovered, ...	20	21	41
Do., relieved, and on trial, ...	4	2	6
Died, ...	6	14	20
Still in the House, ...	102	76	178
	132	113	245

Thus shewing that the total discharges, in recoveries, were 72; relieved 11; and died 27; leaving on the books, at the close of the year, 250 inmates, viz., 138 males, and 112 females; the excess of the former over the latter being 26.

AGES.

Ages of the patients discharged, recovered, during the year :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
From 10 to 20 years, ...	5	5	10
Do. 20 to 30 do., ...	10	11	21
Do. 30 to 40 do., ...	5	10	15
Do. 40 to 50 do., ...	11	6	17
Do. 50 to 60 do., ...	3	4	7
Do. 60 to 70 do., ...	2	0	2
	36	36	72

CAUSES OF DISEASE.

Table of the causes assigned for insanity, in the patients admitted during the year, ending 31st March, 1842 :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Domestic differences, ...	2	3	5
Intemperance, ...	10	2	12
Losses and embarrassments, ...	7	1	8
Bodily ailments, ...	1	4	5
Puerperal state, ...	0	7	7
Over-study, ...	4	0	4
Fright, ...	1	6	7
Poverty, ...	2	3	5
Fear of coming to want, ...	1	0	1
Chronic dysentery, ...	1	0	1
Fever, ...	1	3	4
Effects of cold, ...	0	3	3
Strong religious feelings, ...	2	0	2
Jealousy, ...	0	1	1
Irregular habits, ...	1	0	1
Injury of head, ...	1	1	2
Indigestion, ...	1	1	2
Grief, ...	3	5	8
Fatigue, ...	0	1	1
Paralysis, ...	1	0	1
Abuse of Mercury, ...	3	0	3
Unknown, ...	14	18	32
	56	59	115

SPECIES OF DISEASE.

Table shewing the forms in which the disease manifested itself, in the admissions, during the year :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Mania, ...	33	43	77
Mono-mania, ...	2	3	5
Melancholia, ...	20	11	31
Dementia, ...	1	2	3
	56	59	115

PATIENTS FROM THE GAOLS.—CRIMINAL LUNATICS.

The cases from the respective gaols of the District, as included in the new admissions, amounted to ten, viz., six males and four females, all of whom, with one exception, had been imprisoned, in the first instance, under the Act I. Vic., for minor breaches of the peace, whilst the subjects of insanity ; the exception being a female, who was tried at the late Lent Assizes, at Downpatrick, for the murder of her own child, a girl nine years of age, but acquitted, on the ground of being insane, at the time of its commission ; and who will, consequently, be a prisoner, for life, in the Asylum: thus adding to the number of "criminal lunatics," which is a class of inmates, of all others, the most subversive to the general interest and welfare of these Institutions to have the charge of, and for whose removal to some more fitting place of incarceration, the renewed efforts of the Governors, during the past year, have unhappily been unproductive of more success than those made hitherto ; but still it is trusted, that the time is not far distant, when the difficulties connected with this matter will be overcome, and such an arrangement adopted, as will, at once, save the Asylums from the discredit and annoyance attachable to the existing system, besides better securing the safe keeping of those who, however sound in mind they may become, are never intended to be restored to the enjoyment of liberty.

SUICIDAL CASES.

As in former years, a number of suicidal cases was, this year, received into the Asylum, who, from their unfortunate tendency and unceasing efforts, as well as ingenious contrivances, to carry their unhallowed purpose into effect, are always a constant source of painful anxiety to those entrusted with their care. Fourteen

of such, viz., five males and nine females, were amongst the year's admissions, all of whom had, prior to becoming inmates, made determined attempts at self-destruction ; but happily, during the time they have been in the house, nothing of an unpleasant nature, in this respect, has occurred with, or been actually attempted by, any of them.

HEALTH OF INMATES.

It is again a source of much satisfaction, being enabled to record, in this report, that the general health of the patients has been remarkably good ; and that no contagious or epidemic sickness occurred in the establishment, during the past year. That constant attention, which, as a matter of course, is paid to thorough ventilation, personal cleanliness (each patient getting a warm bath once a week), employment in the open air, with regularity in hours, and though last not least, wholesome and sufficient diet, may reasonably be conceived to contribute, in no small degree, to the general excellent health of the patients, which, in any case, is a cause of great thankfulness ; but, especially so, in an extensive public Institution. And here it is almost superfluous to state, that the manner in which Doctor Thomson and Mr. Mulholland, the Manager's able colleagues, acquitted themselves of their respectve professional duties, had no small share in keeping up so happy a state of things in the Asylum.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR.

The deaths amounted to twenty-seven, viz., nine males and eighteen females,—the disproportion of the mortality in the sexes is rather remarkable, and the more so, as the males, throughout the year now terminated, predominated on the books, as was the case, also, last year. It is to be observed, however, that several of the females were advanced in life, and four of the number were so enfeebled in bodily, as well as mental, health, prior to admission, as to be altogether beyond the reach of human means being made available for their benefit. One of the four referred to, lived but three weeks after admission ; another, four weeks ; and a third, six weeks ; six, from four to eleven months ; and the remainder for periods varying from two to eleven years. Of the males, one aged forty-two, survived

only eleven days after admission, having sunk from general paralysis, under which he had been labouring for some time. previously. Two were inmates between twelve and thirteen years each; three, from three to ten months; and the rest, from one to eight years.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

The following are the causes of the deaths which occurred, as well as could be ascertained:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Died of general debility, ...	4	7	11
Do. of general paralysis, ...	2	4	6
Do. of consumption, ...	1	3	4
Do. of intestinal disease, ...	0	1	1
Do. of epilepsy, ...	0	1	1
Do. of anasarca, ...	0	1	1
Do. of apoplexy, ...	1	0	1
Do. of rheumatic affection, ...	1	0	1
Do. of lumbar abscess, ...	0	1	1
	9	18	27

The average age of the males, in the above list, was thirty-six and a-half years; the oldest being fifty, and the youngest twenty-two; that of the females was forty-six; the oldest being seventy, and the youngest seventeen.

STATE OF ACCOMMODATION.

With reference to the present state of the Asylum, as to accommodation, it is to be observed, that the male department is completely filled; any vacancies that are in existence being only on the female side; still, however, there are no outstanding male cases for admission; and, during the year, every facility which could possibly be afforded, even to the causing, at times, of temporary inconvenience, to that strictness of order and regularity which are of such essential moment, in Institutions so peculiarly circumstanced as these, was given for the admission, without delay, of all cases coming duly recommended.*

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* As it frequently occurs, that patients are transmitted to the Asylum, without any previous notice having been given, or inquiry made, of there being accommodation; and, as it frequently happens, that cases thus irregularly presented, cannot possibly be received, either from no vacancies being in existence, or from some other equally-cogent reason, it would be very desirable, were the

The average daily number of patients, throughout the year, amounted to 246.80 ; being nearly three more than last year's, which was 244.67.

RESTRAINT OF PATIENTS.

The cases in which instrumental restraint,—by the imposition of a strait-waistcoat on the person, or muffs on the hands,—was obliged being had recourse to, from time to time, during the past year, were confined to about four, out of the entire number of inmates ; and these almost exclusively amongst the females, some of whom were so uncontrollably violent, in their general conduct, as well as destructively inclined, that all other methods were found totally inefficient, as moral agents, in repressing their disposition to commit acts of outrage, personal and otherwise. One of the females, in particular, for several months past, has been most unconquerable in destructive and turbulent propensities, by breaking windows, doors, and locks ; stripping off and tearing her clothes, striking the attendants, &c., &c. ; neither persuasions, or threats, or even the offering of a reward, for ordinary good conduct, when tried at large, having the least effect in deterring her from the commission of such acts as the above ; and not only does she behave in this insubordinate manherself, but, in her morbid proneness to mischief, endeavours to make other patients equally unruly, and to a certain extent succeeds in doing so ; thus keeping up, day and night, at intervals, a harassing state of excitement and riot in the division to which she belongs ; but these interruptions, in the entire personal freedom, general order and comparative quietude which ordinarily prevail in the establishment, are, after all, but of small moment, and wonderfully few, when we consider the deplorable nature of the mysterious malady its unhappy inmates are the subjects of.

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immediate friends of patients to attend to the printed directions, at the head of each Form, the first of which expressly states, that "No patient can be admitted until it has been intimated, that there is a vacancy." Attention to this simple point would prevent much disappointment and inconvenience on the one hand, and the performance of a most disagreeable duty on the other. It would, also, be very satisfactory, were patients, on being duly ordered in, to arrive at the Asylum within the stated hours of admission, viz.,—from 8, A.M.; to 4, P.M., as the exceedingly unseasonable period of the evening at which they are sometimes brought, makes it utterly impossible to receive them until the following morning.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The attendance of convalescent and quiet patients, on the religious instruction imparted, each Sunday, within the establishment, as referred to, in last Annual Report, has been regularly continued, and with apparent good and wholesome effect; its influence being of a highly pleasing description; the conduct and demeanour of the hearers being generally attentive and serious. Each morning and evening family worship is likewise performed, all the servants attending who can be spared, in addition, also, to a select number of the inmates. Bibles and Testaments, it is to be observed, are regularly distributed to each corridor, for the use of such of the patients as desire to read the Scriptures themselves; and, not unfrequently, one will read to a number of others, all listening with much attention—their behaviour on such occasions being most decorous.

INTRODUCTION OF GAS LIGHT.—ERECTION OF STEAM-BOILER.

In the domestic economy of the Institution, two very important matters are being carried into effect; both having been under the particular consideration of the Board, for some time past; and both, in the end, unanimously approved of. One is the lighting of the establishment with gas light, in lieu of candles, which, in several points, more especially those of cleanliness, convenience, and safety, will, there is every reason to think, be productive of much satisfaction; and, in point of expense, be not more than that of candle light. The other is the erection of a steam-boiler, for culinary and laundry purposes, which, it is confidently expected, will effect the saving of £50 per annum, in the consumption of coals, in these two departments alone, independently of considerable advantages otherwise. The expense of the steam-boiler complete, is to be £75; and the requisite gas-fittings, £155.

EXPENDITURE.—FARM PRODUCE.

The total expenditure of the year now terminated, amounted to £3,5[illegible] 0s 7d, making the annual average cost of each inmate, every charge of management included, £14 8s 10¾d; last year's expenditure was £4,051 7s; the expense of each patient being £16 11s 4½d.

The Farm and Garden produced a nett profit of £196, being £11 6s 5d more than last year. The ground, as hitherto, was chiefly allotted to the culture of potatoes, the crop of which was scarcely an average one; and much loss was subsequently sustained by their rotting, after being carefully housed.

CONCLUSION.

The usual tables of statistics, expense, &c., are appended, in which will be found all further details connected with the management of the Asylum, during the past year; and in now closing this Report, the Manager most gladly avails himself of the opportunity offered, by the termination of another year, to present his respectful and sincere thanks to the Governors, generally and individually, for their continued confidence in his administration of the affairs of the Institution, as well as for the manner in which their support has been invariably afforded him, in the discharge of those responsible and peculiarly-trying duties, which are so inseparably connected with the office of a Superintendent of an Hospital for the Insane.

ROBERT STEWART, M.D.,
MANAGER.

Asylum, 31st March, 1842.

☞ Additional Governors.—Since the above Report was presented and ordered to be printed, the following new Governors have been added to the Board, by an order of the Lord Lieutenant in Council, bearing the date of the 4th of April, 1842, viz. :—

The Very Rev. The DEAN OF ROSS,
REV. DR. COOKE, D.D.,
JAMES WATSON, ESQ., J.P.,
JOHN M'NEILE, ESQ., D.L., J.P.;
RICHD. BLACKISTON, ESQ., J.P.,
REV. THOMAS MONSELL.

GENERAL

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CASES

IN THE

Belfast District Lunatic Asylum,

Being from the 1*st of April,* 1841, *to the* 31*st of March,* 1842.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Asylum, 1st April, 1841, .	132	113	245			
Admitted, ...	53	56	109			
Re-admitted, having relapsed, .	3	3	6	188	172	360
Discharged, recovered, . .	35	37	72			
Do., relieved, . . .	6	5	11			
Died, ...	9	18	27			
Remaining in Asylum, 31st March 1842, ...	138	112	250	188	172	360
Admitted from each County.						
Antrim, ...	24	31	55			
Down, ...	30	28	58			
Carrickfergus, ...	2	0	2	56	59	115
Discharged to each County.						
Antrim, ...	21	36	57			
Down, ...	27	23	50			
Carrickfergus, ...	2	1	3	50	60	110
Remaining in Asylum, 31*st March,* 1842.						
Antrim, ...	71	53	124			
Down, ...	65	58	123			
Carrickfergus, ...	2	1	3	138	112	250
State of cases remaining, 31*st March,* 1842.						
Convalescent, ...	7	6	13			
Considered curable, . .	28	25	53			
Considered incurable, . .	103	81	184	138	112	250

Table distinguishing the numbers admitted, discharged, and died during each season, from the opening of the Belfast Asylum, in June, 1829, *to* 31*st January,* 1842, *with centesimal ratios.*

Seasons.	ADMITTED.				DISCHARGED.					
	New Cases.		Relapsed.		Recovered.		Relieved, &c.		Died.	
	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.
Spring,	249	22.05	23	25.28	144	23.68	25	20.83	63	26.14
Summer,	296	26.22	20	21.98	133	21.88	27	22.50	47	19.50
Autumn,	311	27.55	23	25.27	191	31.41	42	35.00	57	23.65
Winter,	273	24.18	25	27.47	140	23.03	26	21.67	74	30.71
Total,	1129	100.00	91	100.00	608	100.00	120	100.00	241	100.00

Table distinguishing the religious persuasions of the total number of Patients admitted from the opening of the Asylum, to 31st *March,* 1842, *with centesimal ratios.*

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*	*Rate per Cent.*
Episcopalians, ...	153	142	295	23.73
Roman Catholics, ...	206	217	423	34.03
Protestant Dissenters, ...	261	262	523	42.08
Moravian, ...		1	1	.08
Jew, ...	1		1	.08
Total, ...	621	622	1243	100.00

Table shewing the number of Patients remaining in the Asylum, on the 31*st March, of each year, from its opening.*

Years.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1830, ...	44	34	78
1831, ...	58	61	119
1832, ...	66	75	141
1833, ...	59	71	130
1834, ...	67	78	145
1835, ...	81	86	167
1836, ...	80	82	162
1837, ...	79	90	169
1838, ...	85	93	178
1839, ...	106	102	208
1840, ...	123	104	227
1841, ...	132	113	245
1842, ...	138	112	250

Domestic State of Patients admitted during the year ending 31*st March*, 1842.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Single,	30	29	59
Married,	26	23	49
Widows,	...	7	7
	56	59	115

Religious persuasions of the Patients admitted during the year ending 31*st March*, 1842.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Episcopalians,	10	10	20
Roman Catholics,	13	24	37
Protestant Dissenters,	33	25	58
	56	59	115

Degree of Education of the Patients admitted during the year ending 31*st March*, 1842.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Well Educated,	3	...	3
Can read and write,	37	20	57
Can read only,	10	18	28
Can neither read nor write,	6	21	27
	56	59	115

Number of Patients generally employed.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cultivating the ground,	55	—	55
Weaving, Winding, and Warping,	14	—	14
Making and Mending Shoes,	4	—	4
Pumping Water,	6	—	6
Tailoring,	2	—	2
Sweeping Yards, Carrying Coals, &c.,	14	—	14
Breaking Freestone, &c.,	8	—	8
Carpenter Work,	1	—	1
Basket-making,	1	—	1
Spinning,	—	20	20
Knitting,	—	14	14
Making and repairing Clothing, Bedding, &c.,	—	28	28
Quilting,	—	4	4
Smithwork,	1	—	1
Washing, &c., in Laundry	—	14	14
Assisting Servants, &c.,	—	14	14
	106	94	200

Table of discharges, for the year ending 31st March, 1842, shewing how long the Patients were ill, before admission, period of their residence in the Asylum, and the total duration of the disease.

	Ill before admission.						Residence in Asylum.						Duration of disease.					
	Recovered.		Relieved, &c.		Dead.		Recovered.		Relieved, &c.		Dead.		Recovered.		Relieved, &c.		Dead.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Months.																		
Under 3	20	18	1	3	5	8	11	9	1	3	1	3	3	1	...	1	...	...
3 to 4	3	3	2	1	...	2	5	2	1	...	1	...	4	3	...	...	...	...
4 to 5	2	...	...	...	...	1	4	4	1	...	1	1	5	3	...	1	1	...
5 to 6	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	3	2	...	...	1	2
6 to 7	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
7 to 8	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	...	...	4	1	1	...	...	1
8 to 9	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	1
9 to 10	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
10 to 11	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	...	1	1
11 to 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	2	...	...
12 to 13	2	4	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...
13 to 14	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
14 to 15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1
15 to 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
16 to 17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1
17 to 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
18 to 19	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1
19 to 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
20 to 21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21 to 22	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
22 to 23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
23 to 24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Years.																		
2 to 5	3	2	...	...	1	1	4	3	1	...	...	4	6	5	1	...	1	3
5 to 10	1	1	...	...	1	2	...	2	1	...	1	3	2	3	1	...	1	4
10 to 15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	1
15 to 20	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
20 to 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Totals, ...	35	37	6	5	9	18	35	37	6	5	9	18	35	37	6	5	9	18

Average number of patients, daily, during the past year, . 246. 80

Average cost of each patient, per annum, including all charges, £14 8 10¾

Average cost of diet, per head, per day, ... 0 0 4¾

Table of admissions and discharges, together with the average daily number of Patients in Belfast Asylum, each month, for the year ending 31st March, 1842.

Months.	ADMISSIONS.							DISCHARGES.									Average daily number per month.
	New cases.		Relapsed do.		Totals.			Recovered.		Relieved, &c.		Died.		Totals.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Sum total.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Sum total.	
1841.																	
April, ...	5	2	1	...	6	2	8	1	5	1	1	...	1	2	7	9	244.80
May, ...	2	3	...	...	2	3	5	2	2	...	...	...	1	2	3	5	244.51
June, ...	5	7	1	...	6	7	13	6	2	...	1	1	1	7	4	11	244.66
July, ...	4	3	...	2	4	5	9	3	1	...	1	1	1	4	3	7	246.19
Aug., ...	6	6	...	...	6	6	12	6	...	...	...	1	1	7	1	8	248.70
Sept., ...	4	2	...	...	4	2	6	2	3	1	1	1	1	4	5	9	248.30
Oct., ...	4	5	...	...	4	5	9	4	3	...	1	...	4	4	8	12	246.93
Nov., ...	4	7	1	...	5	7	12	3	3	...	...	2	3	5	6	11	242.96
Dec., ...	5	4	...	1	5	5	10	3	4	2	...	1	...	6	4	10	246.96
1842.																	
Jan., ...	2	7	...	...	2	7	9	...	1	1	...	...	2	1	3	4	251.03
Feb., ...	8	5	...	...	8	5	13	2	10	1	...	2	2	5	12	17	248.85
March, ...	4	5	...	...	4	5	9	3	3	...	...	...	1	3	4	7	247.74
Totals, ...	53	56	3	3	56	59	115	35	37	6	5	9	18	50	60	110	246.80

Recapitulation of the above Table, divided into solar seasons, with the proportions of admissions, and discharges, during each season.

Seasons.	ADMISSIONS.				DISCHARGES.					
	New Cases.	Rate.	Relapsed Cases.	Rate.	Recovered.	Rate.	Relieved, &c.	Rate.	Died.	Rate.
Spring,	29	2.66	1	1.67	24	3.34	3	2.73	6	2.23
Summer,	24	2.20	3	5.00	16	2.22	2	1.81	5	1.85
Autumn,	27	2.48			18	2.50	3	2.73	8	2.96
Winter,	29	2.66	2	3.33	14	1.94	3	2.73	8	2.96
	109	10.00	6	10.00	72	10.00	11	10.00	27	10.00

Table shewing the total admissions, with centesimal proportion of the total discharges, deaths, &c., in the respective District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, made up from their opening to 31*st March,* 1841.

ASYLUMS.	Year opened	Total admissions	PROPORTIONS. Of recovered.	Of relieved, &c.	Of mortality.	Remaining in Asylum.	
Armagh, ...	1825	1,115	45.02	30.41	14.08	10.49	100.
Belfast, ...	1829	1,128	49.11	9.75	19.42	21.72	...
Carlow, ...	1831	445	47.86	4.49	12.14	35.51	...
Clonmel, ...	1835	339	46.91	6.78	13.56	32.75	...
Connaught, ...	1833	800	35.37	9.75	22.50	32.38	...
Limerick, ...	1827	1,426	53.58	6.80	15.29	24.33	...
Londonderry, ...	1829	1,049	46.33	11.91	22.22	19.54	...
Maryborough, ...	1833	453	42.17	4.41	15.67	37.75	...
Richmond, at Dublin, ...	1830	1,207	43.50	13.26	19.30	23.94	...
Waterford, ...	1835	306	34.97	23.86	6.53	34.64	...

Summary of the aggregate admissions, discharges, &c., from each County, from the opening of the Asylum, in June, 1829, *to* 31*st March,* 1842.

	ADMITTED.						DISCHARGED.								Remaining 31st March, 1842.		
	New cases.		Relapsed do.		Total.		Recovered.		Relieved, &c.		Died.		Total.				
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antrim, ...	283	307	20	22	303	329	130	179	33	23	69	74	232	276	71	53	124
Down, ...	281	264	27	22	308	286	161	149	37	27	45	52	243	228	65	58	123
Carrickfergus, ...	10	6	...	1	10	7	5	2	...	1	3	3	8	6	2	1	3
Totals, ...	574	577	47	45	621	622	296	330	70	51	117	129	483	510	138	112	250

Recapitulation of the above Table, with centesimal ratios.

ADMITTED, ...	New cases, ...	1,151	Ratio, ...	92.60
	Relapsed cases, ...	92	do., ...	7.40
		1,243		100.00
DISCHARGED, ...	Recovered, ...	626	Ratio, ...	50.36
	Relieved, &c., ...	121	do., ...	9.74
	Dead, ...	246	do., ...	19.79
Remaining in Asylum,	... ...	250	do., ...	20.11
		1,243		100.00

The following articles were manufactured and made by the Patients, during the year :—

1,869	Hanks Linen Yarn.	16	Vests.
100	... Thread.	40	Quilts.
1,115	Yards Plain Linen.	187	Shirts.
83	... Twilled do.	113	Shifts.
120	... Ticken.	158	Aprons.
427	... Twilled Calico.	69	Petticoats.
530	... Plain do.	25	Wrappers.
28	... Camlet.	122	Day Caps.
27	... Chequer.	100	Night Caps.
569	Pair Stockings.	14	Bedticks.
120	... Leather Shoes.	12	Bolsters.
57	... Listen do. (Soled.)	68	Handkerchiefs.
54	... Sheets.	30	Towels.
80	... Suspenders.	4	Table Cloths.
34	... Trousers.	20	Gowns.

Table of the occupation of the Patients admitted during the year ending 31st March, 1842.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Assistant in an Hotel,	...	1	1
Cooper,	1	...	1
Dressmakers,	...	2	2
Farmers,	8	...	8
Farmers' Wives,	...	2	2
Flowerers on muslin,	...	5	5
Gardener,	1	...	1
House Servants,	...	4	4
Hostler,	1	...	1
Labourers,	16	...	16
Mason,	1	...	1
Musician,	...	1	1
Publicans,	2	...	2
Paper-stainers,	2	...	2
Pedlars,	1	1	2
Sempstresses,	...	2	2
Shoemakers,	2	...	2
Shopkeepers,	1	1	2
Soldiers,	4	...	4
Spinners,	...	13	13
Student,	1	...	1
Surgeon,	1	...	1
Tailor,	1	...	1
Tutor,	1	...	1
Turnkey,	1	...	1
Washerwomen,	...	2	2
Weavers,	4	...	4
Winder to do.,	...	1	1
Whitesmith,	1	...	1
Writing Clerks,	2	...	2
Without any known occupation,	4	24	28
	56	59	115

An account of the Expenditure on, and the produce of, the Lands of the BELFAST DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, *for one year—being from* 1*st April,* 1841, *to* 31*st March,* 1842.

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EXPENDITURE.

To Seed Potatoes, ...	£21	6	8			
" Farm and Garden Seeds, ...	7	16	8			
" Manure, ...	5	18	10			
" Lime, ...	3	5	0			
" Wheel-barrows, ...	3	0	0			
" Spades, &c., ...	0	9	8			
" Scythes, ...	0	8	0			
" Tithe, ...	3	15	0			
" Bran, ...	1	15	9			
" Shoeing of Farm and Market Horse,	1	16	6			
				49	12	1
To Balance, ...				£196	8	11
				£246	1	0

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PRODUCE.

By Potatoes, 1,000 cwt. (used in the Establishment), and rated at 2s 6d per cwt.), ...	£125	0	0			
" Small Potatoes (sold), ...	23	0	2			
				£148	0	2
" Oats, 60 cwt. (using in Establishment), and rated at 7s per cwt., ...				21	0	0
" Wheat, 7 cwt. (using in Establishment), rated at 11s per cwt., ...				3	17	0
" Hay, 160 cwt. (using in Establishment), rated at 2s 6d per cwt., ...				20	0	0
" Straw, 120 cwt. (Oat, used in Establishment), rated at 1s 3d per cwt., ...				7	10	0
" Straw, 20 cwt. (Wheat, used in Establishment), rated at 1s per cwt , ...				1	0	0
" Vegetables (sold), ...	£12	8	10			
" Do. (used in Establishment), rated at	31	0	0			
				43	8	10
" Osier Rods, made into Baskets for the Establishment, ...				1	5	0
				£246	1	0
By Balance, ...				£196	8	11

An Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Belfast District Lunatic Asylum, *for one year—being from* 1*st April,* 1841, *to* 31*st March,* 1842.

The Charge.

Received from the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury,	£3,645 10 9	
Balance of last account in favour of the public, ...	78 12 1	
		£3,724 2 10
Received for Garden Vegetables sold,	12 8 10	
Do. Small Potatoes do.,	23 0 2	
Forfeited Wages, ...	2 12 6	
		38 1 6
		£3,762 4 4
Balance in favour of the public, 31st March, 1842, ...		£197 3 9

The Discharge.

Paid for Provisions, ...	£1,793 1 6	
" Clothing, ...	302 14 9	
" Bedding, ...	84 19 10	
" Furniture, ...	72 18 1	
" Stationary, Advertising, and Printing, ...	16 16 4	
" Coals, Soap, Candles, &c., ...	217 0 4	
" Medicine, ...	17 6 0	
" Repairs on Buildings, &c., ...	242 6 0	
" Farm and Garden Expenses,	49 12 1	
" Incidental Expenses,... ...	82 9 10	
" Insurance, ...	21 17 8	
" Salaries, Wages, &c., ...	663 18 2	
		£3,565 0 7
Balance, ...		197 3 9
		£3,762 4 4

Dietary

OF

THE BELFAST DISTRICT ASYLUM,

FOR LUNATIC POOR.

BREAKFAST AT NINE, A.M., THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

One quart stirabout, and	Males.	Each Morning.
Three-fourths of a pint of new or mixed milk,		
One-and-a-half-pint stirabout, and ...	Females.	
One-half pint new or mixed milk, ...		

DINNER AT TWO, P.M.. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Three pounds potatoes and ...	Males.	Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday.
One quart soup, ...		
Three pounds potatoes, and ...	Females.	
One-and-a-half-pint soup, ...		
Three-and-a-half pounds potatoes &	Males.	Monday, Friday, and Saturday.
One pint mixed milk, ...		
Three pounds potatoes, and ...	Females.	
One pint mixed milk, ...		

SUPPER AT SIX, P.M., IN WINTER, AND SEVEN, IN SUMMER.

Eight ounces loaf bread, and ...	Males.	Each Evening.
Three-fourths of a pint mixed milk,		
Six ounces loaf bread, and ...	Females.	
One-half pint mixed milk, ...		

☞ Those of the convalescent Patients who are actively employed, are allowed four ounces of boiled meat in addition to the soup, four days in the week. When the state of the Patients' health requires it, the diet is changed accordingly; and any other that may be necessary, such as wine, tea, mutton, &c., &c., is substituted.